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SUBJECT: FOREIGN MINISTER WAIYAKI PRESS INTERVIEW

1. SUMMARY: IN EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW IN SUNDAY NATION, SEPTEMBER 5 FONMIN WAIYAKI SET FORTH HIS VIEWS ON VARIOUS CURRENT INTERNATIOAL EVENTS AND PROBLEMS INCLUDING NAM SUMMIT, SOUTHERN AFRICA, KENYA-UGANDA RELATIONS, AND EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY. AS IN PAST, WAIYAKI LAPSED INTO EXTREME RHETORIC ON SUCH QUESTIONS AS ARMED STRUGGLE IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. IT IS LIKELY THAT HIS REMARKS DO NOT REPRESENT COORDINATED GOK VIEW.

2. NAM SUMMIT (SOUTHERN AFRICA AND THE INDIAN OCEAN):

OBSERVING THAT THERE WERE AT COLOMBO DIVISIONS "ENGINEERED FROM SOME PLACES I WOULD NOT LIKE TO MENTION HERE...," WAIYAKI NONETHELESS CHARACTERIZED THE MEETING AS SUCCESSFUL "BECAUSE IT DEALT AT LENGTH WITH THE QUESTION OF SOUTHERN AFRICA, AND WE FROM THE OAU CAMP CONFIDENTIAL

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PRESENTED OUR CASE WITHOUT HESITATION AS WE HAD RESOLVED BEFORE

AT THE HEADS OF STATE SUMMIT IN MAURITIUS. WE CLEARLY TOLD DELEGATES AT THE NON-ALIGNED NATIONS" MEETING THAT FROM NOW ON WE WOULD GO IN FOR ARMED STRUGGLE AGAINST THE FASCIST REGIMES TO LIBERATE ZIMBABWE, NAMIBIA AND AZANIA. WHAT WAS GRATIFYING WAS THAT THE NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE AS A WHOLE ACCEPTED THAT THEIR PROGRAMMES WOULD ALSO FROM NOW ON BE THAT OF ARMED STRUGGLE IN SUPPORT OF THE OAU, AND ALSO IN SUPPORT OF THE PEOPLE IN THOSE THREE COUNTRIES. AS FAR AS THE AFRICAN ANGLE WAS CONCERNED, THAT WAS GREAT ACHIEVEMENT AT THE CONFERENCE.

- 3. "WE THINK THAT THE CONFERENCE WAS SUCCESSFUL BECAUSE THERE IS A GREAT FEAR AMONG BILATERAL STATES AROUND THE INDIAN OCEAN. THEY ARE AFRAID OF CERTAIN FOREIGN BASES AROUND THIS AREA WHICH, IF LEFT UNCHECKED, WOULD GIVE AN EXCUSE FOR OPPONENTS IN THE STRUGGLE BETWEEN EAST AND WEST TO POSSIBLY USE EVEN NUCLEAR ARMAMENTS IN OUR AREAS. SO WE EXPRESSED OUR DETERMINATION THAT THESE BASES SHOULD BE DISMANTLED AND THAT THERE WOULD BE NO ESCALATION OF ARMAMENTS IN THIS AREA. WE WANT TO HOLD A CONFERENCE OF THE "LITTLE" STATES IN THIS AREA...AND PERHAPS IT MAY BE USEFUL AS INDIA SUGGESTED THAT THE SUPER POWERS AS WELL SHOULD ATTEND THE MEETING. THIS IS SOMETHING WHICH IS COMING IN THE NEAR FUTURE, AND WE ARE GOING TO PRESS FOR IT."
- 4. SOUTHERN AFRICA (NAMIBIA AND KISSINGER-VORSTER TALKS):
 ASKED WHAT SHOULD HAPPEN NOW AS RESULT EXPIRATION OF UNAUGUST 31
 DEADLINE ON NAMIBIA WAIYAKI SAID THAT "UN MUST, OF COURSE, FROM
 NOW ON TAKE MORE DRASTIC ACTION...IF SOUTH AFRICANS ARE NOT GOING
 TO GET OUT, WE MUST THEN START WORKING OUT AN ALTERNATIVE
 SOLUTION....PERHAPS IT MIGHT BE NECESSARY TO ASK THE UN TO PUT IN
 A BUFFER FORCE THERE."
- 5. IN REPLY TO QUESTION AS TO WHETHER KISSINGER-VORSTER TALKS ARE MEANINGFUL FOR SOLUTION TO QUESTION OF SOUTH AFRICA WAIYAKI SAID "I PERSONALLY REALLY DONT KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT THEIR MEETINGS. THEY HELD DISCUSSIONS SOME TIME BACK IN WEST GERMANY AND WE WERE NOT GIVEN THE RESULTS....I DON'T KNOW WHAT HE IS TRYING TO DO THIS TIME....IF DR. KISSINGER IS TRYING TO CONVINCE THE STUBBORN SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT TO TRANSFER POWER TO THE MAJORITY AFRICAN PEOPLE, THEN THAT IS FINE. BUT IF IT IS SOMETHING CONTRARY TO THAT THEN CERTAINLY HE CAN REST ASSURED WE CANNOT SUPPORT THAT."

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6. KENYA-UGANDA RELATIONS: WAIYAKI WAS ASKED IF THE KENYA-UGANDA ACCORD HAD ACHIEVED RESULTS TO DATE AND TO COMMENT ON STATUS OF KENYA'S SEVEN-POINT MEMORANDUM. HE REPLIED THAT "MAJOR THING WHICH HAS RESULTED FROM PEACE ACCORD AGREEMENT IS THE LESSENING OF TENSION BETWEEN KENYA AND UGANDA...AS FAR AS SEVEN POINTS ARE CONCERNED WE HAD ASKED FOR THE WITHDRAWAL OF UGANDAN TROOPS FROM THE COMMON KENYA/UGANDA BORDER. AND I GATHER

THAT THIS HAS EITHER BEEN DONE OR IS BEING DONE. THE OTHER THING IS THAT WE WANTED OUR PEOPLE IN UGANDA TO BE ALLOWED TO COME BACK HOME BECAUSE THERE WERE SOME WHOWANTED TO RETURN. AND I THINK THAT SOME HAVE SO FAR BEEN ALLOWED TO RETURN. AND WE STILL LOOK FORWARD TO RECEIVING SOME MORE INFORMATION REGARDING THOSE OF OUR NATIONALS WHO WANT TO RETURN.

- 7. "THEN THERE WAS THIS QUESTION OF COMPENSATION FOR THE LIVES OF THOSE WHO DIED AND THEIR PROPERTIES. WE WERE ASSURED THAT THIS QUESTION WOULD AS WELL BE LOOKED INTO BUT, OF COURSE AS I SAID, THIS A MORE DETAILED SUBJECT THAT REQUIRES ATTENTION OF BOTH THE GOVERN-MENTS OF KENYA AND UGANDA. THE QUESTION OF THE KILLING OF OUR PEOPLE WAS OF COURSE A VERY VITAL MATTER TO US. WE WERE ASSURED THAT THERE WOULD BE NO FURTHER KILLINGS OF OUR INNOCENT CITIZENS IN UGANDA. AND THAT THERE WOULD BE NO FURTHER MOLESTATION OF THOSE OF OUR PEOPLE WHO WISHED TO STAY IN UGANDA. WE WERE ASSURED THAT THOSE WHO WOULD LIKE TO REMAIN IN UGANDA WOULD BE ALLOWED TO DO SO AND BE ALLOWED ALSO TO GO ABOUT THEIR BUSINESS WITHOUT ANY FEAR OR MOLESTATION OF ANY KIND. NOW WE HAD PUT IN A SEVEN-POINT PROGRAMME...AND WE ARE STILL WAITING FOR ITS COMPLETE IMPLEMEN-TATION. WE HAVE NOW, AS A RESULT, ALLOWED OIL TO GO TO UGANDA, PROVIDED THAT IS IS PAID FOR AND ALSO THAT OUR MEN TAKING THE OIL THERE, WILL NOT BE MOLESTED."
- 8. ASKED IF HE WAS CONCERNED THAT ONCE KEYA SUPPLIES UGANDA WITH OIL, UGANDA MIGHT RESUME BELLIGERENCY, WAIYAKI NOTED THAT THESE FEARS ARISE BACAUSE "UGANDANS ARE SUPPOSED TO BE PLAYING TRICKS ALL THE TIME. BUT WHATEVER THEY TRY WILL FIND KENYA ALWAYS THE SAME."
- 9. EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY: WAIYAKI DID NOT AGREE THAT COMMUNITY HAD FALLEN APART. HE NOTED THAT TREATY IS BEING REVISED AND THAT EAST AFRICAN NATIONS ARE AWAITING REPORT OF REVIEW COMISSION. HE CONFIDENTIAL

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CHARACTERIZED WHAT HAS HAPPENED RECENTLY AS "MUCH MORE DECENTRZLIZATION OF DIFFERENT CORPORATIONS OF THE INSTITUTION."

10. COMMENT: AS USUAL WAIYAKI APPEARS TO HAVE GONE FURTHER THAN PRESIDENT KENYATTA WOULD HAVE LIKED. HIS VIEWS AS REFLECTED IN THIS NTERVIEW ON MATTERS OF INTEREST TO U.S. ARE MORE AT ODDS WITH U.S. POSITIONS THAN THOSE PREVAILING ELSEWHERE AT TOP LEVEL OF GOK. FOR EXAMPLE, KENYAN PRESS (AND VERY LIKELY KENYA MOD OFFICIALS) WERE DISPLEASED BY ONE-SIDED NAM SUMMIT RESOLUTION ON INDIAN OCEAN. FURTHERMORE, WE BELIEVE GOK IS MORE SYMPATHETIC TO SECRETARY'S SOUTHERN AFRICA INITIATIVES THAN CAN BE INFERRED FROM WAIYAKI'S REMARMS.

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